

Nords Wharf P.S. Newsletter

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Term 1 Week 9

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Principal's Message

Tee-Ball Gala Day

A big thank you goes to Mr Derbyshire for organising our school's participation in the recent PSSA tee-ball gala day. Similarly, without the support of our parents who help with transportation, our children would not be able to participate in days like this, and they also deserve a huge thank you.

Over recent weeks, our primary students have been practising their throwing and catching skills and playing tee-ball for sport. This practice certainly seems to have paid off. Please see Mr Derbyshire's report for the day later in the newsletter.

Teacher Training

Teachers regularly participate in professional learning that maintains and improves their ability to provide excellence in teaching for our students.

Mrs Halligan and Mrs Hook, both have been busy at courses to improve the instruction of reading at our school.

Mr Derbyshire has also been attending a course to better able him to provide effective learning for down-syndrome students.

All staff has been completing an on-line course on anaphylaxis in their spare time.

Nords Wharf School Says No to Bullying

Students at Nords Wharf School have been participating in activities to help them be better able to recognise and reduce bullying. Each day, teachers have been reinforcing positive messages at assemblies. In particular staff and students have discussed how *words can hurt*. Primary students viewed a short video and posters have been made by our children, encouraging our students to be more aware of bullying and to seek help if it occurs.

Visit to Swansea High School

A selection of Year five and six students will visit Swansea High next Monday for a sports day as part of the Premier Sports Challenge and we applaud Swansea High for their effort to help our senior students in their transition to high school. Students can purchase a sausage sandwich and drink for \$2 on the day.

Anzac Day Ceremony

A visit to Catherine Hill Bay cenotaph is being organised for Thursday, 23 April (Term 2 Week 1) in recognition of the centenary of the Gallipoli landing. The students will travel by bus and enjoy a picnic lunch in the grounds of the bowling club before returning to school. The Catherine Hill Bay Bowling Club has been very accommodating in this venture, helping with chairs and shelter. If however there is rain, a modified service will be held at school.

Zone Country

The zone cross country is on Friday, 24 April. This is an event for those who are eight years and older and were place-getters in our school race. This is a difficult race and I urge children competing in this to do some training during the holidays.

Peter Westcott

K/1 News

Students are hopping around in anticipation of our Easter Hat Parade next Tuesday! The hats look great and we have been practising some special songs to perform during the event. We can't wait to see family and friends there! The Book Fair will be open next Tuesday. Pop on in before the hat parade. Every purchase helps us buy new books for our school library.

Today marks the 40th day at school for the Kindergarten students. Almost half way to our 100 Days At School party day.

*Trinity Hook***1/2 News**

The Star of the Week is Taj M. Many thanks to all the parents and grandparents who were able to come and help us make hats on Monday afternoon. It was very much appreciated as I know parents were involved in making not only their child's hat but those of many others! The students had a fantastic time and their hats look lovely. 1/2 can't wait to parade them for you at the Easter Hat Parade next Tuesday, 31 March from 1.45pm.

World of Maths is also coming up next Wednesday, 1 April. The students will work in small groups on mathematical challenges. More information about this upcoming event can be found on the World of Maths website www.worldofmaths.com.au

As part of the homework, the students have begun to describe an item that fits in an egg this week and we are having a lot of fun with it! This will be the final week of homework and I thank you for all your support with home activities this term. It is wonderful to be giving out so many reading and times table awards at the moment! All students are encouraged to keep up their reading at home over the next few weeks.

*Kate Halligan***2/3/4 News**

Congratulations to the students who scored 100% in their spelling. Whiteboard markers are still required in the classroom so if you can help in any way that would be great. If possible can you supply your child with a home reading folder that protects our school readers. We would love for the books to last as long as possible so other children are able to continue reading them, some books do suffer slight damage if just put in their school bags with everything else. Next week our class will look at 'Position' during maths and our news topic is free choice. Thankyou to the parents who came and assisted with the Easter hat making all of the students put in such a fantastic effort and I am looking forward to the parade next week. I am away today and tomorrow attending a 2 day course in Sydney, Mrs McSpadden is taking my class. As always please feel free to come and discuss anything that you like or if time is making such a conversation difficult please send a note in with your child and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Thank you to the parents that have already come in to help our students.

*Carl Derbyshire***4/5/6 News**

Last Wednesday the Year Six students visited Swansea High School for some 'taster lessons' as part of the transition to high school. The students really enjoyed their experience. The students had a variety of activities including cooking, science, drama, HSIE, woodwork and history. Thank you goes to those parents who assisted with transport.

Next Monday Year Five and Six students will visit the high school again as part of the Premier's Sporting Challenge. Thank you again to those parents who will help with transport.

Welcome to our new student, Mimi and with the two Year Four students from Mr Derbyshire's class, we now have 28 students.

Finally, congratulations to Aaron, Jack, Jared, Evan, Taj, Mary and Mimi who all scored 100% in their spelling.

*Peter Westcott***Library News**

The **Book Fair** will be held in the library on **Tuesday, 31 March**, from 12.45 to 2.00pm. It will be open before the Easter Hat Parade. This is a great time to purchase gifts for birthdays and Christmas. Also, the purchase and donation of a book to the library would be greatly appreciated. A donation sticker will be added to the book to acknowledge the child/family who donated the book. Commission on book sales is used to purchase books for the library. Your support would be greatly appreciated.

*Maria Stoppini***Canteen News**

Unfortunately our **canteen will be closed tomorrow (Friday, 27 March)** as there are no volunteers available to work. If you are able to volunteer some time to help keep our canteen running PLEASE return the green slip that was sent home last week, or visit the school office and let Robyn Hamilton know what days you are available.

*Sabrina Moore*

Band Camp

Our Band students had an amazing time over the two-day camp last week. A total of 62 students from Caves Beach and Nords Wharf Public Schools joined to develop their skills in playing their instruments and performing together. They had the benefit of the expertise of our two conductors, Mrs Schofield and Mrs Scott, as well as a large group of professional tutors and some volunteer high school band students who supported them over both days.

We had some wildlife join us, including a large monitor, a possum and a rabbit and we also had some fun activities like sand modelling on the beach and a room talent quest challenge.

A huge thank you to all of the parents who helped make it successful, from transporting students and equipment, cooking and preparing meals, cleaning out the camp site before we left, staying overnight to supervise our students and helping to unload all of our equipment back at school. We couldn't have done it without you!

Surveys for parents will be sent home today. Please return them by Monday to enable us to evaluate this camp and get your feedback. Students will also be filling out a survey at school.

Trinity Hook

Just some of our wonderful musicians at camp



Tee Ball

The T ball gala day was very exciting. I was very pleased with the students who showed excellent sportsmanship. I would like to give a MASSIVE THANK YOU to the parents who helped with transport and especially those that were able to stay and watch. Helping to provide some supervision for the teams made the day more enjoyable for the students. All the teams had fun competing and had some great conversations with students from other schools. It was a fantastic sunny day that was fun, safe and enjoyable for everyone involved.



Merit Awards Term 1 Week 9

| Class | Name |
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| K/1 | Ossian, Caitly H |
| 1/2 | Sari, Talia, Alby, Max M, Shontelle, Tommy |
| 2/3/4 | Daniel, Aliyah, Elsa, Jaden, Nathan |
| 4/5/6 | Kaitlyn G, Madison G, Mary-Jane |

Reading Awards -Bronze

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| 1/2 | Tommy, Alby, Chase, Kayden, |
| 2/3/4 | Alex, Savita |
| 4/5/6 | Jesse |